***FOCUS AREA***
Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

***POSITION TITLE***
Clinical Social Worker (0-4, Non-Supervisory) Equivalent to MEDCOM standardized GS-12 PD

***LOCATION DESCRIPTION***
This position is located at Martin Army Community Hospital

Martin Army Community Hospital, a state-of-the-art medical complex, is an integral component of the Maneuver Center of Excellence military mission. Fort Benning MEDDAC provides compassionate world class healthcare to maximize battlefield readiness and the overall health of our community. We deliver safe, quality, accessible, cost-effective, and patient family-centered healthcare to enable the resiliency of our community, enhance the operational readiness of our units, and achieve the best outcomes for our beneficiaries. We set the standard for the Army in health and readiness, and demonstrate the value of our hospital by providing high quality healthcare at an exceptional cost while maintaining & developing professionalism and commitment in our staff. Welcome to Martin Army Community Hospital.

***CLOSING DATE***
Open until filled

*** JOB DESCRIPTION ***
Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Serves as Social Worker within the Department of Behavioral Health under the leadership of Chief, Department of Behavioral Health. Supervises staff, generally at the team or clinic level.

Must have experience in the treatment of a variation of complex psychological dysfunction / full spectrum of psychiatric diagnoses. Evaluates, observes and treats patients exhibiting significant social and emotional problems affecting their behavioral health and wellbeing. Provides direct care to include individual and group psychotherapy, training, consultation and other services typically provided by a clinical social worker. Instructs/counsels patients and families in treating and coping with social and emotional responses connected with behavioral health diagnoses.

Assists other health team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors impacting the patient’s behavioral health. Provides clinical consultation to leaders. Participates in development and periodic re-evaluation of treatment plans. Utilizes special skills and judgment to resolve social and emotional responses connected with behavioral health diagnosis.

Observes, records and reports changes in patients' condition and response to treatment in accordance with DoD, Department of the Army, US Army Medical Command and JCAHO regulations and policies.
Participates in the discharge planning process and provides ongoing assessment of patient and family needs and responses to teaching coping skills. Participates in care coordination activities and acts as a resource to other health team members in the identification and resolution of patient needs. Utilizes appropriate community resources to achieve identified objectives. Attends, participates in and/or conducts internal staff development programs, obtains continuing education as required by state licensing and Department of Army and US Army MEDCOM regulations and policies. Maintains the highest standards of Professional conduct in relation to information that is confidential in nature. Shares information only when recipient's right to access is clearly established and the sharing of such information is in the best interest of the patient. Participates in Performance Improvement activities as assigned. Communicates information that enables data collection and root cause analysis to identify opportunities for improvement.

Adheres to and participates in mandatory HIPAA privacy program/practices and Business Ethics and Compliance programs/practices.

Participates in special projects/perform other duties as assigned.

Requires ongoing compliance with current OTSG/MEDOM policy on productivity standards for patient care.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. PHS officers assigned under this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must remain available for PHS deployments. Under this MOA, PHS officers are not authorized to deploy with the military. 3-year (minimum) assignment tour.

Secret clearance required

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

PHS social worker in good professional standing with a Master's Degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

An active independent clinical social work license to practice in the United States or District of Columbia.

Experience working in DOD; prefer Army.

***CONTACT INFORMATION***
Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a CV brief cover letter; last 3 COERs/evaluations; professional license; and letter of recommendation (MUST BE FROM CURRENT RATER/SUPERVISOR). CDR Jena Vedder Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil